

APPLICANT: Hans-Henning Zutz

DOCKET NO.: 71,027-007

SERIAL NO.: 10/642,994

FILED: August 18, 2003

FOR: SLIP RING SEAL



Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 20, 2004

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first action, please amend the application as follows:

**CE3RTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT** is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on January 20, 2004.

*Karri M. Chamberlin*  
Karri M. Chamberlin